

## TARIFF AND TRADE

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Continued consideration of H. R. 5550, authorizing United States membership in the Organization for Trade Cooperation. Received testimony from Representatives Flynt and Utt; William J. Barnhard, secretary, National Anti-Dumping Committee; Lloyd Halvorson, in behalf of the National Grange; Wilbur LaRoe, general counsel, National Independent Meat Packers Association; Bernard Weitzer, in behalf of the Jewish War Veterans; Edward D. Hollander, national director, Americans for Democratic Action; Wallace J. Campbell, in behalf of the Cooperative League; Joseph Coppock, in behalf of the Friends

Committee on National Legislation; and Mrs. Alexander Stewart, in behalf of the Women's International League of Peace and Freedom.

*Joint Committee Meetings*

## COLORADO RIVER STORAGE

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## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate worked on farm bill, adopting three amendments on loan limitations and rejecting one.

## Senate

*Chamber Action*

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**Bills Introduced:** 14 bills and 1 resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3415 to S. 3428; and S. Res. 228.

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**Bill Reported:** Report was made as follows: H. J. Res. 443, to increase the appropriation authorization for the Woodrow Wilson Centennial Celebration Commission (S. Rept. 1650).

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**Farm Program:** Senate continued its consideration of S. 3183, Agricultural Act of 1956, taking the following additional actions on amendments thereto:

**Adopted:** By 78 yeas to 11 nays, modified Williams amendment, as amended, to limit to \$100,000 price-support loans that may be made to any producer, and prohibiting production on leased Federal land of any crop in surplus supply, after adopting two amendments thereto, (1) by 84 yeas to 9 nays, by Senator Jenner to limit to \$25,000 any payment to any producer for participating in acreage reserve program, and (2) by voice vote, by Senator Russell to limit to \$100,000 (rather than \$50,000 as proposed in Williams amendment) price-support loan that may be made to any producer; and

**Rejected:** By 36 yeas to 56 nays, Humphrey amendment (to Williams amendment above), providing 90 percent price support to producer to whom not more than \$5,000 loan is made and limiting to \$50,000 any price-support loan to corporate producer.

Pending at adjournment was Carlson amendment to insert a new section entitled "Wheat—Domestic Parity."

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**Rubber—Disposal of Louisville Plant:** Senate passed, with committee amendments, S. 3091, disposal of rubber-producing facility (plancor No. 1207) at Louisville, Ky.

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**Adjournment:** Adjourned at 6:46 p. m.

*Committee Meetings*

## APPROPRIATIONS—INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Continuing its hearings on H. R. 9390, fiscal 1957 appropriations for Interior Department and related agencies, subcommittee heard testimony in behalf of funds for the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture from Ervin L. Peterson, Assistant Secretary, and Joseph C. Wheeler, Director of Finance and Budget Officer, both of Agriculture Department; and Richard E. McArdle, Chief, Clare Hendee, Edward P. Cliff, W. S. Swingler, and Howard Hopkins, Assistant Chiefs, and Linne Ahlberg, Budget Officer, all of the Forest Service.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

## APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR DEPARTMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee began hearings on H. R. 9720, fiscal 1957 appropriations for Departments of Labor, and Health, Education, and Welfare, and related agencies, with a general statement from

Secretary James P. Mitchell in behalf of funds for the Department of Labor. Hearings continue tomorrow.

#### AUTO-MARKETING PRACTICES

*Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce:* Subcommittee continued its hearings with regard to auto-marketing practices, with testimony from Henry Ford II, president, and L. D. Crusoe, executive vice president, both of the Ford Motor Co., who were accompanied by their assistants.

On Saturday, March 10, testimony with regard to this subject was heard from Stacy Rowell, president, and Raymond Dickey, counsel, both of the National Independent Auto Dealers Association; Matt Triggs, American Farm Bureau Federation; and Daniel F. Pierre, Atlantic Motor Mart, Inc., Beverly, Mass. A statement for inclusion in the record was submitted by Representative Crumpacker.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

#### MERCHANT VESSELS

*Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce:* Subcommittee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries held hearings on the following bills:

On S. J. Res. 132, authorizing sale of two cargo vessels to the Alaska Steamship Co., with testimony favoring its enactment from Clarence G. Morse, Maritime Administrator, D. E. Skinner, president, Alaska Steamship Co., H. L. Daggett, president, Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, and Ralph Dewey, Washington representative for Pacific American Steamship Association, the latter with a suggested amendment, and opposing testimony from Alan F. Wohlstetter, representing Alaska Freight Lines, Inc.;

On H. R. 4118, to amend the Merchant Marine Act relating to the computation of the 10-year recapture period, with favoring testimony from Maritime Admin-

istrator Morse, and C. D. Gibbons, vice president, U. S. Lines Co., for the Committee of American Steamship Lines and the American Merchant Marine Institute; and

On S. 2709, to provide for standby authority for priorities in transportation by merchant vessels in the interest of national defense, with testimony from Maritime Administrator Morse, who favored the bill, and from Hugh Williamson, vice president, Association of American Ship Owners, who questioned the present need for this proposed legislation.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

#### WOODROW WILSON CENTENNIAL

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee, in executive session, ordered favorably reported without amendment H. J. Res. 443, to increase the appropriation authorization for the Woodrow Wilson Centennial Celebration Commission.

#### SOUTHWESTERN POWER ADMINISTRATION RATES

*Committee on Public Works:* Subcommittee on Flood Control—Rivers and Harbors continued its hearings with respect to proposed increase of electric rates by the Southwestern Power Administration, having as its witness Maj. Gen. Emerson C. Itschner, Assistant Chief of Engineers for Civil Works, Army.

Hearings continue Wednesday, March 14.

#### INFLUENCE INVESTIGATION

*Special committee:* On Saturday, March 10, the special committee to investigate attempted influence through improper activities held an executive organizational meeting, following which it was announced that it had elected Senator McClellan as its chairman and Senator Bridges as its vice chairman. The committee also adopted its rules for procedure and operations. Committee recessed subject to call.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 35 public bills, H. R. 9860-9894; 1 private bill, H. R. 9895; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 220 and H. Res. 424 and 425, were introduced.

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**Bills Reported:** Reports were filed as follows:

Two private resolutions, H. J. Res. 553 and 565 (H. Repts. 1867 and 1868, respectively);

Conference report on S. 1287, increasing certain annuities under the Foreign Service retirement and disability system (H. Rept. 1869); and

Two private bills, S. 1271 and 1272 (H. Repts. 1870 and 1871, respectively).

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The House met briefly but transacted no business.

**Adjournment:** Adjourned at 12:24 p. m.

### Committee Meetings

#### D. C. REVENUE

*Committee on the District of Columbia:* Ordered the following bills favorably reported to the House:

H. R. 9770 (amended), to provide revenue for the District of Columbia; and

H. R. 8493, to exempt from taxation certain property of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., in the District of Columbia.

Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.



**LONGSHOREMEN**

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Longshoremens and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act considered S. 2280 which amends the act to provide increased benefits in case of disabling injuries. Arthur Larson, Under Secretary of Labor, testified in support of the proposed legislation.

**HAWAII**

*Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs:* Subcommittee on Territories ordered the following bills favorably reported to the full committee:

H. R. 9768, relating to general obligation bonds of Hawaii and public bonds for school improvement in Honolulu;

H. R. 7891 (amended), for relief of persons in the Puna district, Hawaii, whose lands were destroyed by volcanic activity; and

H. R. 9769 (amended), to enable the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii to authorize the city and county of Honolulu to issue general obligation bonds.

The subcommittee also considered but took no action on H. R. 7426, to authorize the issuance of certain highway revenue bonds by the Territory of Hawaii.

Delegate Bartlett testified in support of all four bills. Additional supporting witnesses were: On H. R. 7891, William Arnold, Assistant Director for Insular Affairs, Department of Interior. On H. R. 9768, A. M. Edwards, Associate Solicitor, Department of Interior; and Paul Thirston, director of budget, Territory of Hawaii. On H. R. 9769, Norman K. Chung, city and county attorney, Honolulu, A. M. Edwards, and Paul Thirston. On H. R. 7426, Ben E. Nutter, superintendent of public works, Territory of Hawaii; and Melvin Lepine, principal highway engineer, Territory of Hawaii.

**AVIATION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Antitrust Subcommittee No. 5 considered the problem of monopoly in the aviation industry. Witnesses heard were Stanley D. Weiss and Hardy Maclay, representing North American Airlines.

**LABOR AGREEMENTS**

*Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries:* Heard testimony regarding the establishing of uniform termination dates for labor agreements. Witnesses were Alexander Chopin, president, New York Shipping Association, accompanied by Joseph Mayper, counsel; William V. Bradley, president, International Longshoremen's Association, accompanied by Patrick Connolly, executive vice president, and Thomas Gleason, general organizer, ILA; Ralph Massey, president, South Atlantic and Gulf Coast District and international vice president, ILA; Harry Bridges, president, International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union, accompanied by Louis Goldblatt, secretary, and Germain Bulcke, vice president, ILWU. Adjourned subject to call of Chair.

**WATER POLLUTION**

*Committee on Public Works:* Subcommittee on Rivers and Harbors considered H. R. 9540 and S. 890, similar bills, to extend and strengthen the Water Pollution Control Act. Witnesses heard were Representative Blatnik; Roswell B. Perkins, Assistant Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, accompanied by Dr. Leonard H. Scheele, Surgeon General, Mark D. Hollis, Assistant Surgeon General, Gordon E. McCallum, Sanitary Engineer Director; Dr. Daniel Bergsma, commissioner of health, State of New Jersey; Earl Devendorf, chief engineer, health department, State of New York; Dr. William H. Jacobs, president, Public Health Association, State of Idaho; Dr. Mitchell Wendell, Joint Legislative Committee on Interstate Cooperation; and Dr. A. Joel Kaplovsky, supervisory engineer, Water Pollution Control Commission, Dover, Del.

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**Joint Committee Meetings****ATOMIC ENERGY**

*Joint Committee on Atomic Energy:* Subcommittee on Legislation, in executive session, approved for full committee action the proposed fiscal 1957 construction budget authorization for the Atomic Energy Commission, and H. R. 9076 and S. 3148, authorizing studies of possible use of atomic energy for utility service requirements of buildings and grounds under the Architect of the Capitol.

At today's meeting, favoring testimony on H. R. 9076 and S. 3148 was heard from Architect of the Capitol J. George Stewart.

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